

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1317

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The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Jim Inhofe
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee

Dear Chairman Smith, Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Thornberry, and Ranking Member Reed:

Thank you for your bipartisan efforts to produce a strong Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). As supporters of carbon capture use and storage technologies, we request that you maintain language from the bipartisan, bicameral Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act (USE IT Act) in the final NDAA bill text that emerges from conference.

Consistent with defense authorization legislation enacted in prior years, the Fiscal Year 2020 NDAA bills passed by both the House and Senate once again recognize the need to guard against national security risks arising from climate change. Carbon capture and utilization technologies are critical tools for managing these climate change risks to military operations and installations and enjoy widespread bipartisan support. The USE IT Act, included in the Senate-passed version of the NDAA, represents an important step forward in addressing those risks by incentivizing the development of technologies for direct air capture and the increased beneficial use of captured carbon.

We believe that it is very important to maintain the USE IT Act language contained in the Senate bill to address not only climate-related national security risks, but also the interconnected issues of energy security, economic vitality, environmental sustainability and America's leadership at the forefront of carbon capture and utilization technologies.

We thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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